

**Amendment and Response**

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CREATING, MAINTAINING, AND CONTROLLING A VIRTUAL ELECTRODE USED FOR THE ABLATION OF TISSUE

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following re-written paragraph:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of ~~U.S. Application Serial No. 09/903,296~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,736,810, which issued May 18, 2004, filed July 11, 2001, and entitled "Apparatus and Method for Creating, Maintaining, and Controlling a Virtual Electrode Used for the Ablation of Tissue"; which is a continuation of ~~U.S. Application Serial No. 09/347,635~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,409,722, which issued June 25, 2002, filed on July 6, 1999, and entitled "Apparatus and Method For Creating, Maintaining, and Controlling a Virtual Electrode Used For the Ablation of Tissue", which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/091,959, filed on July 7, 1998.